

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 2 – 9 and 13 – 20 are pending with claims 2, 8, 13, and 19 being independent. Claims 2, 8, 13, and 19 are amended to place them in independent form. Claims 1, 10 - 12, and 21 – 22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. These changes are believed to add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated in the Office action that claims 2 – 9 and 13 – 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2 – 9 and 13 – 20 are, thus, believed to be allowable.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are believed warranted. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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